

# **Human & Labor Trafficking Awareness Month**

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# **Speaker Bios**

## **Anna Park, Attorney, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)**



Anna Y. Park is the Regional Attorney for the Los Angeles District Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"). Ms. Park is responsible for overseeing and directing all litigation on behalf of the EEOC in the district comprising of Southern and Central California, Southern Nevada, Hawaii, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. She manages not only the district office, but litigation out of four local offices in San Diego, Hawaii, Fresno, and Las Vegas. Her territory is not only vast geographically but densely populated with over 24 million people in Southern California alone.

Since joining the EEOC, Ms. Park has aggressively litigated cases in federal court against private and public employers, receiving large monetary awards and aggressive injunctive relief remedies.

She has been recognized by the EEOC for her work on cases like EEOC v. Abercrombie & Fitch, resulting in a \$50 million recovery and EEOC v. Rivera Vineyards, et al., recovering over \$1.05 million for sexual harassment, retaliation, and job segregation on behalf of farm workers. Ms. Park has been recognized for her dynamic speaking and training abilities and has been awarded the Chair's Opportunity to Reward Excellence Award for several years running. Ms. Park has served as a speaker and trainer for the American Bar Association, National Employer Lawyer's Association, Society of Human Resource Managers, the Labor and Employment Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the State Bar of California, the California Association of Equal Rights Professionals, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to name a few. Ms. Park received her Juris Doctorate from the UCLA School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA. Prior to joining the EEOC, Ms. Park was a civil rights litigator and managing senior associate with the prominent civil rights law firm of Litt & Associates, formerly known as Litt & Stormer.

Notably, she worked on a class action lawsuit challenging the Los Angeles Police Department's practices relating to sexual harassment, sex discrimination, and the code of silence. She also represented African American officers who were allegedly discriminated, harassed, and retaliated against because of their race by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. Ms. Park has received numerous awards for her community and pro bono activities. She was awarded the Pro Bono Award by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center for her commitment to pro bono work. She was formerly a board member of the Korean American Bar Association, the Japanese American Bar Association, and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Ms. Park is the former president of WORK (Women's Organization Reaching Koreans), the former president of the Korean American Inter-Agency Council, and a board member for the Korean American Family Center. Ms. Park continues to remain active with community-based organizations, emphasizing inter-agency and inter-ethnic tolerance and

collaboration. She was recently recognized as one of the "Top 20 Lawyers Under 40" in California by the Daily Journal.

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## **Paul Chang, Regional Anti-Trafficking Coordinator Wage and Hour Division (DOL-WHD)**



Paul Chang serves as the Regional Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator at the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division. In his 28+ years with the agency, Paul worked on some of the most celebrated cases as an investigator and Assistant District Director. He developed numerous training materials and programs, including the Enterprise Model that focuses on strategic approaches to prosecution, protection, and prevention of forced labor. Paul served as the National Co-Chair of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) Regional Network. Paul is also a lecturer at Cal State LA's MPA program and Vanguard University on Human Trafficking. He is the recipient of numerous Secretary's Awards and community honors, including the 2019 Global Center for Women and Justice Diamond Award.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd>

## **Ahn Truong, Supervising Attorney, Sex and Labor Trafficking Unit, Los Angeles Human Trafficking Task Force (LAHTTF)**



Anh Truong is the Supervising Attorney of the Sex and Labor Trafficking Unit at the LA City Attorney's Office. He chairs the Labor Trafficking Subcommittee of the LA Regional Human Trafficking Task Force. He has drafted state legislation on human trafficking and utilized them to file civil actions against motels for human trafficking violations. Anh has handled some of the first Senate Bill 823 vacatur petitions filed by counsel to vacate a victim's prior arrests and convictions for violations they were forced to commit while being trafficked. Anh also co-founded Project Beacon, a pre-filing diversion program that provides early screening for victims of human trafficking and to get them appropriate services, including legal services to handle vacatur petitions, as well as to provide an earlier opportunity for intervention, education and empowerment for those who are involved in commercial sex but do not immediately identify as victims. Anh graduated from U.C. Berkeley's School of Law. He earned his bachelor's degree at Occidental College with honors in Public Policy.

<https://www.lahumantrafficking.com/>

## **Stephany Powell, Ed.D -, Vice President & Director of Law Enforcement Training and Outreach, National Center on Sex Trafficking (NCST)**



Dr. Stephany Powell's unique insight into the world of sexual exploitation and trafficking gained through her thirty years with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), coupled with her passion for education and her heart for community, make Dr. Powell an incredible leader in the movement to end sexual exploitation and as the Vice President and Director of Law Enforcement Outreach and Training at the National Center on Sexual Exploitation. Dr. Powell retired from the LAPD as Vice Sergeant and accepted a leadership role at Journey Out in October 2013. In addition to her LAPD tenure, Dr. Powell is a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership and utilizes that singular combination in several ways.

She created and facilitated Team Building and Executive Leadership workshops based on positive change dynamics for the Fire and Police departments. Additionally, she is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science at Los Angeles Trade Technical College. Dr. Powell uses her considerable skills and insight to educate the community about the complex and often misunderstood world of sex trafficking and to create positive change for its victims. Dr. Powell is a powerful speaker, a tenacious educator and advocate for change, and one of the premiere experts in this field. Dr. Powell has been featured on CNN/HLN as well as local media in the Los Angeles area.

She has published a human trafficking youth prevention workbook and her workbook has been utilized on a national and international level. Dr. Powell's most notable and rewarding assignment as a police officer was being the Senior Lead Officer in Foothill Area, where she was a community officer, assigned to the Pacoima and Lake View Terrace Area shortly after the Rodney King incident. During that same time period she was awarded Woman of the Year by the California State Assembly. In 1995, she was selected as the Assistant Officer In-Charge of Media Relations Section and designated as the Department Spokesperson, assigned to the Office of the Chief of Police. During that assignment she served directly under Police Chiefs Willie William and Bernard C. Parks.

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## **Angie Peltzer, Bureau of International Labor Affairs**



Angie Peltzer is the Division Chief of the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking's Asia, Middle East, Europe Division in the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB). Ms. Peltzer's team designs, funds, and manages a portfolio of technical assistance projects to combat child labor and forced labor in the region. In addition to Angie's 8+ years at the Dept of Labor, she has also worked in the private sector for companies like Kimberly-Clark, Google, and Kohler Co.

where she recently led Kohler's Social Impact Marketing and managed their Global Innovation Incubator for Good "the I-Prize." Angie received a bachelor's degree in political science from Gonzaga University a master's degree in South Asian Studies from Lund University, and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ilab>

## **Leigh LaChapelle, Associate Director of Survivor Advocacy, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking**



Leigh LaChapelle (they/them) is a queer and trans human rights organizer currently working as the Associate Director of Survivor Advocacy at the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (Cast) in Los Angeles. In their role they support survivor leadership programming and lead local, state, and federal public policy initiatives. Previously, they've worked with various grassroots organizations across the rural south building community response to sexual violence, unhoused youth, and harm reduction. With a background in gender studies and psychology, Leigh's guiding goal in their work is connecting the personal with the political in the realm of human trafficking.

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## **Brenda Flores, PhD Victim Assistance Specialist, U.S. Department of Homeland Security**



Dr. Brenda Flores is a native of southern California. She completed her undergraduate studies at La Sierra University and received her Master of Social Work and PhD in Social Policy and Research from Loma Linda University. Dr. Flores is currently a Victim Assistance Specialist for Homeland Security Investigations after serving as an Asylum Officer and Immigration officer for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Dr. Flores started her career in local child welfare working with domestic victims of abuse and then foreign national victims with the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement. Dr. Flores has made presentations at numerous professional conferences and seminars and has participated in numerous state legislative workgroups and local taskforces.

<https://www.dhs.gov> | 202-282-8000

## **Mariana Rodriguez, Director, Latina Resource Center at United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS)**



For over 20 years Mariana has been advocating for the safety and empowerment for women. Mariana is the director of the Latina Resource Center at United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) where they share information and resources and offer a person-centered service deliver model. The Latina Resource Center serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in Milwaukee. Rodriguez has been with the center since

its inception in 2001 when there were no linguistic and culturally appropriate services available in the Latino community only general services that were harder to access.

Immigrants and Spanish speakers who experience domestic violence and sexual assault face additional barriers when trying to get help, the UMOs Latina Resource Center meets them where they are.

<https://www.umos.org> | (414) 389-6000

## **Jay Berman, Economist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy**

Jay Berman is a Senior Economist in the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy. He is responsible for coordinating the Department's efforts to combat human trafficking, providing economic analysis of Departmental regulations and data analyses for special projects, and writing policy papers. Berman has served the Department's Chief Economists, advising senior officials on economic policy, general economic conditions, and labor market trends. He has appeared before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to give testimony on minimum wage policy. Berman is also an adjunct professor of economics at Northern Virginia Community College.

From 1999 through 2006, Berman served as lead economist in the Division of Industry Employment Projections, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In that capacity, he was responsible for developing the federal government's principal 10-year industry employment projections. Berman has a master's degree in economics from American University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/oasp> | [OASP Resources](#)

## **Sarah Gonzalez-Bocinski, Associate Director, Workplace and Economic Justice, Futures Without Violence**



Sarah works on FUTURES' initiatives relating to economic justice and security, safety and gender equity in the workplace, and improving access to quality employment opportunities for survivors of trafficking and gender-based violence. Prior to joining FUTURES, she oversaw the Economic Security for Survivors Project, a national training, technical assistance, and research project at the Institute for Women's Policy Research and Wider Opportunities for Women. Sarah received her BA from Colgate University and MPP from the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University.

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## **Naixa Franquiz, Senior Advisor, United States Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division**



Naixa Franquiz is a Senior Advisor with the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division. She began her career as a Wage and Hour Investigator in 2003 and has since served in the positions of Assistant District Director, Regional Enforcement Coordinator, and Regional Director of Enforcement. In 2021, Naixa joined the Office of Regional Enforcement and Support, where she manages a portfolio to include Immigration, Agriculture, and Labor Exploitation which includes Human Trafficking, Retaliation, and U&T Visa Certification. Originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Naixa received her bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages from the University of Puerto Rico in 2000. In 2003, she received her Juris Doctor with a focus on Immigration and International Human Rights from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd>

## **Chanchanit (Chancee) Martorell, Founder & Executive Director, Thai Community Development Center**



Chanchanit Martorell is the founder and Executive Director of the Thai Community Development Center. She has been working in the Thai community for almost three decades. She received her Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is known most notably for her work on a half dozen major human rights cases involving thousands of Thai victims of human trafficking who were discovered working in conditions of slavery in the United States. Her tireless advocacy on behalf of the victims and the success of each case has made her a leading expert and sought-after spokesperson on the serious issue of modern-day slavery.

Chanchanit taught a course entitled “Human Trafficking and Modern-day Slavery” at the UCLA Department of World Arts and Cultures. Because of her deep commitment to creating positive change, she has become a leading practitioner in the field of community development. She is engaged in ongoing affordable housing development, small business promotion, and neighborhood revitalization projects. In 1999, under her leadership, Thai CDC played a pivotal role in the community organizing campaign, which raised community consciousness and led to the designation of the first Thai Town in the nation in East Hollywood. For Martorell, the designation of Thai Town was the first step of a multi-faceted economic development strategy to revitalize a depressed section of Hollywood while enriching the City’s cultural and social fiber. Dedicated to social and economic justice, she actively serves in community/immigrant/labor rights organizations with local, national, and global concerns.

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## **Nadia Mossburg, MA, MSW, Senior Policy, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy**



Nadia Mossburg serves as a Senior Policy Advisor in the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and currently leads the State Exchange on Employment and Disability (SEED), an initiative to encourage the development and adoption of inclusive, state-level workforce policies. Her 19-year tenure with the Federal Government across three agencies has afforded her opportunities affect change in a number of areas impacting people with disabilities, including employment, workplace accommodations, transportation, healthcare

access and emergency preparedness. These efforts have earned her eight departmental-level awards.

Outside of her professional responsibilities and experiences, Ms. Mossburg has partnered with local, state, and national policymakers to improve access for people with disabilities, serving on the Montgomery County Taxicab Commission, Maryland Governor's Commission on Disabilities, the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Safety for People with Disabilities Task Force, the White House Accessibility and Inclusiveness Working Group, and as president of Virgin America's Disability Advisory Committee. Ms. Mossburg holds a master's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Kent State, as well as a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she graduated with honors.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep> | [odep@dol.gov](mailto:odep@dol.gov)

## Resources:

### ODEP Mental Health Resources | U.S. Department of Labor

- [dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/mental-health](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/mental-health)

### The Campaign for Disability Employment

- [Whatcanyoudocampaign.org](https://whatcanyoudocampaign.org)

### Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology

- [peatworks.org](https://peatworks.org)

### The Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion

- [askearn.org](https://askearn.org)

### The Job Accommodation Network

- [askjan.org](https://askjan.org)